

# STEEL CO. FINDS SITE HERE



ONLY THE BABY is innocent in this rather explosive atmosphere. While Clarence Brown doesn't know whom to shake his finger at first, Legionnaires compete with each other in dreaming up imaginative disappearance acts. Of course these antics are meant to warn the public as to what not to do on the Fourth of July: (left to right) you don't play tricks with firecrackers on unsuspecting bystanders or on anyone, for that matter (Major Sells and Gordon Arnold, first vice commander); you don't let your fascination prevent you from moving to a safe distance (Mrs. Ann Arnold and Mrs. Trix Skillman); you will warn against safety violations but not while practically sitting on a "live" firecracker yourself (Clarence Brown); you will not smoke nor light a cigarette on or near a firecracker (Bob Ernst, adjutant); you will not "test" a firecracker (unidentified, shy little girl). Legionnaires say that the best way to have fun on the Fourth is by being Good AND Careful. All six "Spirit of '76" Legion stands will be open 24 hours a day July 2, 3, 4, including this one located at Western and Carson.

## Large 45-Acre Tract Involved

A large tract of land, about 40 to 45 acres, "seems to have met the specifications" of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation according to Victor Carson of the Dominguez Land Company, and negotiations are now going on between the two groups for the sale and purchase of the land.

A needed railroad spur seems to be the major obstacle in the settlement of the matter, according to a Bethlehem Steel spokesman.

**Location**  
The tract in question is located at 190th st. and Western, west of the piece bought by Harvey Machine Co. and east of the G. P. tank farm.

There are signs of speculation among leaders in the community that the move was hurried along by a recent rezoning controversy which resulted in industrial land being rezoned residential by the City Council.

**Official Awaited**  
The settlement is being contemplated and awaits the return of one of the officials from Philadelphia. Most of the negotiations so far have been through brokers in the East. The individual who will be responsible for the final decision is expected to arrive in about ten days.

"There is a good chance" that the sale will go through, the spokesman said, but nothing is definite yet.

## 255 Members

Two-hundred fifty-five persons became affiliated with the Retail Clerks Union, Local 905, in Wilmington last week evening in one of the largest induction ceremonies ever conducted by the union.

## X-RAY MOBILE COMING

The tax supported Mobile Chest X-Ray Unit of the Los Angeles County Health Department has been scheduled for stops throughout the Torrance Health District from July 27 through August 31, and from September 21 through October 9.

Dr. Heidebreder, District Health Officer, hopes that this year many more persons will take advantage of the opportunity for a free chest x-ray. He points out that the x-

## ALLEGED BEATINGS STUDIED

Possibilities of a beach brawl of a serious nature are being investigated now by Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett.

Phillip G. Allen, 18, 3727 W. 119th place, Hawthorne, was brought to the Harbor General Hospital for treatment of an alleged beating administered by a group of teen-agers on the Torrance beach near the Hollywood Riviera club house.

Allen, who was sent home again, returned once more to the hospital because of nausea, it was reported.

Two marines stationed at Camp Pendleton were also possible victims of the alleged beating, with one sustaining minor injuries.

Several other teen-agers, some of them girls, were also involved.



SOMETHING NEW IN SCOUTING . . . Cautious looks are being sent in the direction of Scoutmaster Paul S. Benda by some highly qualified tent supervisors and vanishing experts. Actually members of the Harbor Scout Troop No. 24, composed of Scouts from the Harbor area, were hard at work in Lomita Park Saturday preparing for the 10-day National Jamboree starting July 14. Those pictured were by no means strangers when it came to work. They are (top to bottom): Denis Brown, Robert Chapman, Marshall, Jr., Darel Kelley. Other Torrance Scouts who will participate are Daryl, Don Kelley, Richard Brentwood, and Roger Ambill.

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# Former Union Official Charged With Assault

## APPROVE SCHOOL BUDGET GUN-DRAWING CITED TRAFFIC HAZARD STUDIED

### APPROVE SCHOOL BUDGET

In a special budget session last week, the Board of Education approved a preliminary budget for the 1953-54 school year totaling \$2,745,191.

**Mostly Payroll**  
Nearly 75 per cent of the budget is earmarked for payrolls, and the total budget reflects a hike of about \$500,000 over estimated expenditures for 1952-53.

The requested budget for salaries for the coming year shows \$1,628,524 for certificated personnel, \$72,931 for non-certificated personnel and \$113,500 for other expenses of instruction.

Also included in the budget is a \$10,000 item for undistributed reserve.

**Funds**  
State funds totaling \$1,277,934 and federal funds totaling \$75,370 are considered in the budget. County taxes should bring in \$1,200,000 and district taxes \$1,085,478, the budget shows. An additional \$9,100 from tuition transfers and miscellaneous items brings the total estimated revenue to \$2,745,191.

"Since the function of the school district is to buy services for the children attending the schools, the salary and wage items make up a large percentage of the budget," according to Superintendent J. H. Hull.

### No Housing, No Doctors, Hospital Says

There is a chance that there will be a shortage of doctors at hospitals in this area because of the difficulty in finding apartments and houses for them to live in.

**Serious Problem**  
C. Leonard Edney, manager of general services at Harbor General Hospital, stated that the housing problem has become serious in the case of married interns and doctors who accept positions with the Hospital. They come, expecting no housing difficulties, only to find that no housing is available in the vicinity.

**Might Leave**  
This means that they have to settle in the outlying communities which works a hardship on them, since they must work long hours and spend unnecessary time commuting to and from work. Such a set-up is unsatisfactory to them and might cause them to move out of this area.

An appeal is being made by A. L. Thomas, director of the Hospital, to be informed of available furnished or unfurnished rentals in the Torrance area. The Hospital is located at 1124 W. Carson.

### STARS

## Lucy, Desi Visit Area

Celebrities were in town a week ago Wednesday. They were none other than Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, stars of the popular TV show "I Love Lucy."

Desi and Lucy shot scenes for a movie in Walteria and Palos Verdes Estates. The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production was directed by Vincent Minnelli.

The two stars took time out to chat with the curious on-lookers, hand out autographs, and pose for box camera snapshots.



HASKELL TIDWELL

## Gravel Pit Solution Promising

Successful steps are being taken to eliminate the hazards to children and the unattractive landscape in a residential area posed by the Torrance sand and gravel pit located south of Highway 101 near Crenshaw Blvd., according to George Powell, assistant director of civil defense.

Till now, the problem has always existed but nothing had been achieved in eliminating it.

Powell declared that spokesmen for the Pacific Hills Homeowners Association and Torrance Sand and Gravel Products have responded favorably to a list of recommendations which he has incorporated in a letter. A hearing will be held Monday, July 13 in the Walteria school at 8 p.m. at which time Powell will read his recommendations to the two groups and all interested parties.

Among the eight or nine conditions specified are the following: planting of trees, fencing, planting a strip along the bank for the purpose of beautifying the scenery, moving the sumps at Crenshaw, and no further operation of the rock crusher in that particular area.

If both parties agree to sign the letter, the matter will go to the City Council.

## Boy Proves Indian Spirit Still Alive

Fourteen year-old Thomas McLeod of 3123 Winlock road, let himself be guided by the truth, of "foolish" intuitions and proved again how the childish imagination sometimes sees truths more clearly than the adult's "realistic" mind.

Tommy had an archer's bow. He felt that he had played "Indian long enough. He thought of selling his bow. So certain was he that the romantic spirit of frontier life was still alive, that he placed the following ad in the Torrance Press Classifieds section:

ARCHER'S BOW. Good cond. \$8.00. 3123 Winlock Rd. Ph. DA. 6615

The Indian spirit came out of hiding and bore down in unbelievable numbers upon little Tommy. The very first "Indian" gave Tommy a generous amount of "wampum" for the prized bow, while many other warriors followed in succession only to be turned away empty-handed.

If you wish to buy or sell, advertise in the Press Classifieds. Your ad is the key to somebody's heart.

## District Attorney Contacted

Ex-Union Boss Haskell Tidwell was arrested this Tuesday by Torrance police on a charge of threatening the lives of two of his union foes and may have his case tried as a felony if the County District Attorney sees fit to do so.

If not, the case will be tried as a misdemeanor by the city prosecutor.

Complainants in the action were Wallace Elliott, president and business agent of Local 905 of San Pedro, and Barclay Mitchell, who replaced Tidwell as secretary of the local when the latter was ousted for misuse of union funds last April.

Elliott charged that Tidwell came to his home at 2811 Olive st. Sunday and started an argument. Elliott stated that Tidwell pulled a revolver from his coat pocket as the argument became more heated and threatened to kill Elliott and Mitchell.

Tidwell was arrested Tuesday about 6 a.m. on a warrant charging assault. The warrant was issued Monday by Judge Otto B. Willett of South Bay Municipal Court. The formal complaint was signed by Elliott in the Torrance city attorney's office Monday.

Arraignment has been set for Friday morning in the South Bay Municipal Court at 9:30. Tidwell is out on \$100 bail.

Tidwell has denied that he was either "high or drunk" or that he pulled a gun. When arrested by Sgt. M. H. Porter and Officer Robert Wright at his home, 2512-A Broadwell ave., Tidwell reportedly had a loaded revolver in his hand. He asked to be permitted to put it away but was told to bring it along.

Elliott's wife and mother were said to be present at the time the alleged threat took place.

## Center Planned

A complete shopping center is being planned for a large tract at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Hawthorne.

According to reports, construction on this huge undertaking will begin in the very near future.

Two supermarkets, a chain drug store, chain department store, and several other smaller stores will be located there.



BARCLAY MITCHELL

## EMPLOYERS, UNION HOLD WAGE MEET

Negotiations between members of the Harbor Area Employers' Council and Retail Clerks Local 905 with respect to weekly and hourly rates of pay to become effective under the Mercantile Agreement on August 1, 1953, will open in the office of the Employers' Council in Torrance on Thursday afternoon, July 2, at 2 o'clock.

The annual agreement between employers and the union was opened by the union under provisions of the contract executed as of February 1, 1953, which allowed the wage review on August 1 in event federal wage controls were discontinued after April 30, 1953, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council. The negotiations can involve weekly and hourly rates of pay only, he pointed out.

In an effort to have all retail industry segments under the contract represented at the negotiation meeting, the Employers' Council has named one or more employers to the committee from each segment, Selover said. They are:

J. C. Caldwell, C. E. Beaver and Clyde Dunlap Jr., department stores; A. J. Moe and Harry Petro, drug stores; B. M. Malone, furniture and appliance

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Steps have been taken to reform the traffic hazard at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Yukon, the intersection used by about 2,000 children daily to get to and from the Alondra Park swimming pool.

**Action**  
Guy McDonald, traffic engineer in charge of the county traffic division, stated that recommendations concerning the intersection should be ready in about two or three weeks following a thorough survey which will begin this week.

**Survey**  
Harry Laugharn, assistant field deputy and former mayor of Compton, said that the survey will try to determine how many people and cars make use of that intersection. McDonald said that the survey will probably be made from noon till 6 p.m., but he did not specify a date except that it would be "sometime this week."

**Accidents**  
This particular traffic situation is a pressing one since a number of accidents have already occurred, at this location. Cars come tearing down Redondo Beach Blvd. anywhere from 40 to 60 mph and children using the swimming pool "really take their lives into their own hands when crossing the road," as one observer put it.

When the immediacy of the situation was called to the attention of the Torrance Press last week, this paper contacted Deputy County Supervisor Ernest Winter who looked into the matter and took action promptly.

**Crenshaw Signal**  
A near-related matter also drew comment from Guy McDonald. When asked what was being done about the traffic tie-up at Crenshaw Blvd. and Redondo Beach Blvd. because of the lack of a traffic control signal, McDonald stated that the decisive move was now up to Torrance.

City Manager George Stevens, when asked about this, said that such was the case. The only thing which is keeping Torrance from going ahead with installing the signal is lack of finances at present. Stevens said that there was no doubt about the need of such a signal.

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## Closed

The Torrance Press will be closed all day Saturday July 4. Newsboys who wish to be paid may come in Friday between 4 and 5 p.m.



AFTER THE AIR WAS CLEARED of spinning batons, these were the winners who emerged from the Fourth Annual Southern California Baton Twirling Contest held last Saturday under the auspices of the Torrance Area Youth Bands under the direction of James Van Dyck. Winners from left to right are: (front row) Janie Barger, first place, novice; Diane Shelton, first place, young novice; Dawnene Nanninga, showmanship; (back row) Nancy Wiersma, first, junior; Roberta Caswell, first, juvenile; Phyllis Fleming, showmanship and first place, senior; Ann Stroud, first, junior, two batons; Karen Williams, first, senior, two batons. Rod White was chief judge. Chick Chambers emceed the event.